

# Chronology

<b>March 22, 1890</b>	Born in Standish, Michigan; son of Calvin and Elizabeth Gibbon Johnson
<b>1908–1912</b>	Served as rural schoolteacher and took summer courses at Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, Michigan
<b>1912</b>	Joined Socialist Party of America
<b>1913</b>	Married Mary Olmsted (d. 1949)
<b>1917</b>	Received diploma and state teachers' life certificate from Michigan State Normal College, Ypsilanti
<b>1919</b>	Delegate to Chicago Communist Party Organizing Convention
<b>1920</b>	Received A.B. degree cum laude (Phi Beta Kappa) from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
<b>1920–1928</b>	Instructor in English and rhetoric at the University of Michigan
<b>1921</b>	Received M.A. degree in English from the University of Michigan
<b>1925</b>	Coauthor of <i>The Way of Composition</i>
<b>1927</b>	Author of <i>The Arguer's Handbook</i>
<b>1928</b>	Received Ph.D. in English from the University of Michigan; subject of his doctoral dissertation: "Literary Allusion in Contemporary American Literature," as characterized in the field of rhetoric and aesthetics
<b>1928–1930</b>	Assistant professor of English at Long Island University, Brooklyn, New York
<b>1930–1932</b>	Instructor of English at the College of the City of New York (evening session)
<b>1933–1935</b>	Newspaper reporter ( <i>Daily Worker</i> ), editor ( <i>The Monthly Review</i> ), teacher (New York Workers' School), and lecturer
<b>1935–1937, 1939</b>	Traveled in Europe
<b>1935–1936</b>	Assistant professor of English at the Institute of Modern Languages, Moscow, USSR
<b>1938–1942</b>	Taught intermittently at the Workers' Schools in New York City and Philadelphia
<b>1940–1944</b>	Served on the staff of the <i>Daily Worker</i>
<b>1945–46</b>	Taught at Augusta Savage School in Harlem, New York City
<b>1946–47</b>	Assistant professor of English at Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama
<b>1947–48</b>	Received Carnegie Grant-in-Aid for a study of "Preventive Remedial English in the Negro Secondary School"
<b>1947–1951</b>	Associate professor of English, Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana
<b>1948</b>	Married Mary Lea Johnson
<b>1949–1951</b>	Served as executive secretary of the Louisiana Civil Rights Congress

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- 1951** Received Carnegie Grant-in-Aid for a study of “Unequal Justice in Louisiana”
- 1951–52** Associate professor of English, Tillotson College, Austin, Texas
- 1954–55** Taught at Jefferson School of Social Science, New York City
- April 1957** Investigated by the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities for alleged Communist activities  
Took extended trip through the South, during which involved in the defense of the Jenkins couple  
Author of *The Day Is Coming*
- 1967** Author of *An American Century*